

REMARKS

Claims 5-11 are pending in this application. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 5-11. By this Amendment, claims 2-4 have been cancelled without prejudice in order to expedite prosecution of the allowed claims.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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